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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING and**  
**VIA HAND-DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL VERSION**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re:   Avoided Cost Information Filed Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. 292-302(b)**  
**Docket No. 2019-185-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)**  
**Docket No. 2019-186-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. 292.302(b), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the “Companies”) herein submit to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) certain avoided cost information that is required to be filed with each utility’s respective state commission on a biennial basis.<sup>1</sup> This information is being filed for informational purposes only, in compliance with FERC’s regulations.

Due to the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain information contained in this filing, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission find that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a), this information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-804(S)(1). Such information reflects the Companies’ costs to procure additional energy and/or capacity. The wholesale electricity market is extremely competitive, and in order for the Companies to obtain the most cost-effective energy and capacity to meet the needs of their customers, they must protect from public disclosure their projected and actual cost to procure such energy, capacity or both. In addition, if this information was publicly available, potential suppliers would know the price against which they must bid, and rather than bidding the lowest price possible, they would simply bid a price low enough to beat the Companies’ projections.

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<sup>1</sup> The Companies have historically filed this information in Docket No. 1980-251-E for Duke Energy Carolinas and Docket No. 1998-419-E for Duke Energy Progress.

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Accordingly, the Companies are submitting to the Commission the confidential version of this filing under seal and respectfully request that the Commission maintain this information as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. The Companies are hand delivering to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff the confidential, unredacted version of this filing.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

C: Parties of Record  
(via email with attachments)